

37. (Twice Amended) The vending machine of claim 32, further comprising:

at least one mechanism selected from the group including data storage unit, programmable audio-video message storage unit, laser-disc, read-write CD-ROM, read only memory recording medium, magnetic media and diskette for storage of data and recording, storage and playback of audio and video signals,

wherein a customer is enabled respectively to upload and download audio and video signals from and to said audio-video mechanism to and from websites and home pages, and to send and receive data from and to said audio-video mechanism to and from other data transmitters or receivers.

38. (Twice Amended) The vending machine of claim 37, further comprising:

a camera connected to a computer for generating video signals; and

a microphone connected to a computer for generating audio signals, wherein said microphone generated audio and camera generated video signals are recorded alone or in combination with already recorded audio and visual signals by said at least one audio-video mechanism.

39. (Twice Amended) The vending machine of claim 32, further comprising:

a camera connected to a computer for generating video signals;

a microphone connected to said computer for generating audio signals; and

at least one audio-video mechanism connected to said computer for recording said audio and video signals.

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78. (Amended) The door for retrofitting an existing vending machine according to claim 77, wherein a computer is also connected to the means to accept input from a customer.

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81. (Amended) The vending machine of claim 32, further comprising programmable means to connect the machine to a website or homepage of a manufacturer of the item selected.

82. (Amended) The vending machine of claim 32, further comprising programmable means to connect the machine to a web site or homepage of an owner or operator of the vending machine.

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85. (Amended) The vending machine of claim 82, further comprising means to download a communication onto a mobile recording medium.

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89. (Amended) The vending machine of claim 88, wherein the payment comprises at least one of coins, bills and credit cards.

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97. (Amended) A combination of a computer and selector provided on a door for retrofitting an existing vending machine for dispensing at least one item selected by a customer, wherein said computer is connected to and activated by said selector for connecting said computer to the Internet and conveying information from the Internet to a web site or homepage of a

manufacturer of the item purchased, or the web site or homepage of an owner or operator of the vending machine.

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98. (Amended) The door for retrofitting an existing vending machine according to claim 31, further comprising at least one of a programmable microprocessor and an interface circuit.

99. (Amended) The door for retrofitting an existing vending machine according to claim 31, further comprising at least one of a digital signal processing unit and an interface circuit.

100. (Amended) A combination of a computer and selector provided on a door for retrofitting an existing vending machine for dispensing at least one item selected by a customer, wherein said computer is connected to and activated by selector device for connecting to a web site or homepage of a web site of an Internet provider.

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102. (Amended) The vending machine of claim 32, wherein the computer displays a homepage or website, together with information from an Internet provider.

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104. (Amended) The door for retrofitting an existing vending machine of claim 31, further comprising software for connecting a computer with an Internet site.

105. (Amended) The door for retrofitting an existing vending machine of claim 31, wherein an Internet site is selected from the group consisting of an Internet provider, a manufacturer

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of the item, a vendor of the item, an internet site specified by the customer, an owner of the vending machine, an operator of the vending machine, news web sites, financial web sites, music web sites and an internet site of the property owner where the vending machine is located.

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112. (Amended) A door for retrofitting an existing vending machine for sale of items selected by a customer, said door comprising:

- a selector device for selecting one or more of said items for sale by the customer;
- a payment-control device for receiving and detecting an amount of payment; and
- a video display screen for providing interactions by the customer with the Internet.

Please add new claims 114-130 as follows:

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114. (New) A method of providing a customer with access to the internet via a vending machine, said method comprising:

- 1) providing a vending machine;
- 2) providing a computer associated with the vending machine;
- 3) providing access to the internet to a customer, said access comprising at least one of inserting money or credit card information into the vending machine and customer input of data to the computer.

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115. (New) The method of claim 114, including providing said computer with a modem.

116. (New) The method of claim 114, wherein said access for customer input is a keyboard.

117. (New) The method of claim 114, including providing at least one of audio, video and multi-media capabilities associated with the vending machine.

118. (New) The method of claim 114, wherein said access to the internet is effected by inserting coin, currency or credit card information into said vending machine.

119. (New) The method of claim 114, wherein said access includes providing means for two-way interactive visual communications by a customer with the internet.

120. (New) The method of claim 114, further including the step of providing means to allow the customer to download data, audio or video information from the internet and take it away from the vending machine in the form of magnetic or optical storage media.

121. (New) The method of claim 114, including providing the vending machine with a camera.

122. (New) The method of claim 114, wherein the step of providing said vending machine is in the form of an existing vending machine.

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123. (New) The method of claim 114, wherein a customer may transmit data on the internet from the customer's own magnetic or optical storage mediums insertable into drives in the vending machine.

124. (New) The method of claim 114, where said computer also controls various components of the vending machine, in addition to internet access.

125. (New) The method of claim 114, further including providing at least one of telephone, cable or satellite communications on said vending machine.

126. (New) The method of claim 114, further including providing a microphone on the vending machine.

127. (New) A method of attracting greater patronage to a vending machine, said method comprising:
providing a vending machine with a connection to the internet/worldwide web; and
permitting a customer with access to said internet/worldwide web through interaction with said vending machine.

128. (New) The method of claim 127, wherein at least part of said access is located on a door of the vending machine.

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129. (New) The method of claim 127, wherein the access displays at least one of informational, entertainment or advertising when a patron is not accessing the internet/worldwide web.

130. (New) A method of manufacturing vending machines wherein a vending machine is provided to dispense an article to be purchased by a consumer, the improvement comprising incorporating an interactive consumer accessible internet communication system into the vending machine.